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Federal Communications Commission Washington DC 20554

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Dear Commission:

The Heartland Communications Facility Authority is a Joint Powers Agency operating under Government Code Section 6500. We provide fire and EMS dispatching to eight jurisdictions.

We support the concept of this docket, however the established time frames for implementation are not realistic for public safety agencies. We urge the Commission to re-evaluate the established time lines for this docket.

Our justification for our request is as follows:

We just purchased a new VHF paging system that operates on 154.205 MHz. This new system also uses an UHF link to our remote transmitters. This purchase also includes three base station transmitters along with over 150 pagers. With the narrow banding, it is quite possible that our new equipment would not function properly.

With the status of the economy in California, there is a strong possibility that there would be no funding to replace this new equipment, or to add additional transmitters if needed due to power being turned down.

When this purchase was made, it was with the intention that this equipment would last at least ten years. We would like to have the opportunity to amortize our investment over a number of years.

If this docket is approved as written, the current interference that we have with Mexico would be dramatically increased. We would like to see the implementation of this docket put off until there is a treaty with the Mexican Government that covers the VHF and UHF bands.

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We feel that the implementing this docket as early as 1996 would cause severe impact to the safety of the public that we serve, and ask that the commission look further into these issues.

I would be happy to discuss my concerns with this docket with you if you so desire. Please feel free to contact the undersigned or the Communications Director at the above listed telephone number.

Yours in public safety,

Darrell Jobes, Chairman

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